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SUBJ: VISIT OF PAKISTANI TECHNICAL SUPPLY TEAM

REF: SECDEF DTG 202142Z OCT 75

1. DOD NOTES IN REFTEL THAT VISIT OF PAK TECHNICAL SUPPLY TEAM WEEK OF 3 NOVEMBER WOULD BE INCONVENIENT AS PRINCIPAL ARMY OFFICER IN DSAA WORKING ON PAK PROGRAM WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY. ALTERNATE DATE OF NOVEMBER 15 IS SUGGESTED.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH ODRP AND WE SHARE CONCERN THAT TEAM'S ARRIVAL ON NOVEMBER 15 WILL COINCIDE WITH ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON OF AIR MARSHAL ZULFIQAR ON OFFICIAL VISIT. WE FEAR THAT ZULFIQAR'S AND TEAM'S ARRIVAL ON SAME DATE MAY BE MISREAD BOTH IN THE STATES AND IN OUR AREA. IT WOULD ALSO BE CONTRARY TO OUR AIM, WHICH WE KNOW IS FULLY SHARED IN WASHINGTON, OF KEEPING TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT AS LOW PROFILE AND BUSINESS-LIKE AS POSSIBLE AND EMPHASIZING WORKING NATURE OF TEAM'S MANDATE.

3. WE SUGGEST AS ALTERNATE PROPOSAL HAVING TEAM'S CONFIDENTIAL

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VISIT START THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10. IF SCHEDULES

IN WASHINGTON COULD BE REARRANGED ACCORDINGLY, WE
WOULD THEREBY AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT PURPOSE
OF TEAM'S VISIT. WE ALSO BELIEVE VISIT SHOULD NOT
BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER ZULFIQAR'S VISIT SINCE GOP VERY
INTERESTED IN HAVING TEAM BEGIN ITS WORK AS SOON AS
PRACTICABLE.
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